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Sunshine.

Gather roses on your way,
For they will not always stay:
Night shall end the longest day,
And the month's not always May.
Fragrance makes more dear the flowers,
Joy expressed more glad the hours,
Rainbows are the sun's joy-bowers,
Whence he looks at passing showers.
All the pleasure have some share,
Make the most of moments rare;
Wise are they who smile through care,
Storms but make the calm more fair.
Sing then, while the heart is light,
Song will make the world more bright;
Sunshine more than storm is might,
Sunny hearts are in the right.
—GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

There and Here.

Friday evening, Oct. 14th, we filled Bro. Mason's appointments near Miamisburg, O. Our people there hold their meetings in a school house, until the completion of their new church. Notwithstanding the inconveniences of holding meetings in a school house, the interest and attendance are good. The brethren are making a good impression on the community, and begin to feel the need of their own house to do effective work. They hope to get into the new house by Christmas. They are surely a courageous few—only seven members—in their noble undertaking. Their house will cost them about thirty-five hundred dollars, and the secret is, the money is nearly all raised. As soon as the house is ready for use, a series of meetings will be held, we trust, with a large ingathering to the Master's fold.

This point of action was opened by Bro. Mason within the last year. Since then he has been visiting it as often as he can. A good deal of aggressive work is needed there, but we know our brother is equal to the situation.

It was our good fortune to have brother and sister J. C. Ewing at our meeting Friday evening. They assisted us much in the meeting by their efficient singing. They are a host in music. It was a question with us which of the two could sing the better. Bro. and sister Ewing are organizing and conducting singing classes, at the present time, through southern Ohio. It would do any community good to have their services in music.

Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night following our Friday evening meeting near Miamisburg, found us at Pleasant Hill, O., filling Bro. Mason's appointments. It would seem, no doubt to the reader who is not acquainted with Bro. Mason and his work, that he has a good many different places to preach. Well, he has, but he is brim full of preach and go, and consequently can do a large amount of missionary work.

But to our visit at Pleasant Hill. We were an entire strangers there at first, but the strangeness could not last long, for the interest and attendance at meetings, and the kindness of brethren and friends, could not help but make one feel at home. The brethren are alive in their work and hungry for the Word. They have a large, enthusiastic

Sunday school. We have not seen so much system and enthusiasm in Sunday school for some time. We wondered at first why it was, but the secret was revealed when we heard them say among themselves: "Our teachers' meeting will be at Bro. Harrison's next Tuesday evening, we must practice our music more, we should all be on exact time next Sunday." An other noticeable feature in the Pleasant Hill Sunday school was that the majority of the officers and teachers were, we may say, of the younger class of men and women, backed up by the older. It struck us at once as being a good thing: (1) because, in so doing, the younger men and women will be trained for the work when the older ones are called away, and (2) because young men and women have more of youth's activity and flexibility and consequently can give more of the necessary enthusiasm to the Sunday school. Some persons do not like enthusiasm, but the reason is, they have none themselves and can never get it.

We are at home again feeling well and encouraged. We are much encouraged over the prospects of God's work through the Brethren church in the Valley. There is no need for discouragements, if we are full of God's word, have less of man's opinion, and are running over with the Holy Spirit. God bless the work every where.

We are at home again, but will go to North Liberty and Ankenytown over next Lord's day, not to fill Bro. Mason's appointments, but in response to Bro. Cober.

W. C. PERCY.

Wanderings.

On Saturday, October 8th, in answer to an invitation I went to Washington C. H. This was the only church in Ohio that I had not visited, and so was anxious to go there.

We were amongst the Brethren in Fayette Co., for so short a time, that we are unable to say very much.

The communion service passed off very quietly. There was not as many at the tables as we expected to see. A large number through sickness and other causes were not permitted to be present. The supper was very simple in every feature, and it was a feast for the soul.

The people of this neighborhood have the characteristic hospitality, which is so prevalent among the Brethren churches.

We mentioned the "dollar question" decided on by the late convention, but as we expected to return before very long, it was postponed.

I promised to return to hold a protracted meeting just as soon as the arrangements could be made.

On Monday I returned home again to get ready for Louisville.

We arrived at Louisville about noon on Saturday, the 15th, and received a very hearty welcome from the Brethren.

We were very sorry to find

Sister Mary, wife of Bro. Jonas Keim, very poorly. She has been afflicted with consumption for many years, but of late she has been considerably worse.

Sister Mary's faith and trust in the Lord is very strong, and she basks completely in the promises of God. Although she suffers much pain she always greets her friends with a smile, and makes no complaint, but is perfectly resigned to the will of God. May the good Lord bless and strengthen her.

On last Tuesday she called for the elders of the church, and requested to be anointed in the name of the Lord, which service was performed that evening. After which seven of us surrounded the Lord's table with her at her house. The services were very beneficial to all of us. The Lord truly was present according to his promise to us.

It is on such occasions as this, that we realize the insignificance of such little matters about which we are so ready to discuss and fall out. We would to the Lord that the Brethren everywhere would keep in mind that the great object of life is to prepare for death. That the minor matters about which we are so ready to quibble are so unimportant, that in the presence of death and eternity we do not think of them, and feel ashamed that we have permitted ourselves to be moved by them.

Brethren, let us keep in view this highest object of man's life.

Stopping the plow to kill a mouse is a very foolish business at best. So Brethren let us keep the great harvest of souls in view, and keep the plow moving. The work is too important for us to look over into our neighbor's field and quarrel with him just because the harness is not just fixed on the horses as ours is, or that the plow is not exactly the counterpart of ours. Let us go on and tear up the soil of the heart for the reception of the seed.

We notice wherever we go that the action of the convention in the College and Publishing house is heartily endorsed.

The Brethren at Louisville are making good ready to heartily respond to the dollar movement.

This is Thursday evening and so far we have had no accessions. The members here are very diligent and punctual in their duties. We still hope that the Lord will bless our effort to the salvation of souls.

I am informed that the Brethren have commenced work in earnest on their new church at West Alexandria.

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Cober was not able to go to Farmersville. But we hope that he has so far recovered that he is there by this time. The brethren must have a little patience and charity when the ministers are compelled to miss the appointments through sickness. They must remember how often the ministers is discouraged by their absence. And it does not need to be a very serious or severe attack that keeps some

away from church. It is strange how unreasonable we are in this.

Bro. J. L. Kimmel, one of our students went down to Glenford in our stead, last Sunday.

We expect to go to Glenford on next Saturday, November 5.

EDWARD MASON.

Ashland, Ohio.

As was announced in last EVANGELIST I left Ashland on Saturday morning, Oct. 15th, to go to Dayton, Ohio, to fill Bro. Brown's Bear Creek appointments. After a half day's ride on the cars I arrived in Dayton in time for dinner. Soon after I arrived in Dayton, I met a number of brethren from Bear Creek, and other points adjacent to Dayton. Bro. Beeghly made arrangements for me to go with him to his home, and as there was no appointment for Saturday evening, I remained at Bro. Beeghly's over night, and on Sunday morning we wended our way to the Bear Creek meeting house, where Sunday school was already in session when we arrived. The school was not as large as might have been expected, but those that were present were undoubtedly interested.

Diphtheria has been raging around Bear Creek and vicinity, which no doubt lessened the attendance at the Sunday school, as well as at the preaching service. We had a very fair congregation however, on Sunday morning, and in the evening the house was well filled. I tried to preach the truth as well as I could, and I hope some good was done. I was glad to visit the Bear Creek church, for here is where our State Sunday school Convention was held, and were I formed the acquaintance of many of the members of this church. This church also, through its solicitors contributed the largest amount sent to the Home Mission Board, and with longing eyes have I looked towards Bear Creek for a donation for this year, for the mission fund, and the solicitors assured me that I should not be disappointed. I had thought perhaps they would be the first upon the list for this second year, but Louisville beat them, and now if competition "is the life of trade" who will be the next to respond. It is true any time between now and our next state convention will do, yet during this fall and winter is when we expect to do most of our Mission work, and that the Mission Board is doing a good work. We call your attention to Bro. Mason's report to the H. M. B., reported in the EVANGELIST some time ago. We have not urged our solicitors much yet this year, on account of the College debt, which is pressing and should be paid, yet we do not want our solicitors to become faint, and think there is no use of trying to get money for H. M. While there are thousands of dollars in the brotherhood for Ashland College, and while Ohio will pay her share of the College debt, she also has a nice sum for the H. M. if an effort only be made

to get it. The Home Mission money in the hands of the Brethren church will never be given for Ashland College and the College money can not be gotten in the Home Mission fund, so you need not fear to solicit for either project.

In this connection I wish to say that the fire and enthusiasm started at the Ashland Convention has not died out, but is burning grandly. Keep the ball rolling brethren, for it is very important that the debt be paid as soon as possible. The enthusiasm kindled has not only taken hold of the church, but the school has felt the impulse, and our prospects for next term are most flattering indeed, and the citizens of Ashland feel much better than they did before the convention, and they are once more hopeful that Ashland College will be successful.

Now brethren let us show them that we are in earnest, and let not the College debt, or the Home Mission cause drag out a miserable existence, simply because we will not help.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Ellerton, Ohio.

Dear readers of the EVANGELIST:—At present I am spending a few days at home with my own dear family. I can only spare a few days in about once in six or eight weeks from my pastoral labors to visit at home. These visits are therefore more dear to me than if, perhaps, they were more frequent. But this time my wife is absent visiting her friends in West Virginia, so I do not have the pleasure of meeting her.

The first of Jan., 1888, will close my labors in the Milford, Napanee and Flory churches, unless some change takes place that I know nothing of now. I am much pleased with the brethren at all the above named places, and we got along very agreeably and we hope profitably so far; hope it may continue so to the close of my term of service.

Attachments have been formed that are dear and will last forever. Some of our worthy members are now absent from Milford. Sister Shafer is on a visit to friends in California, and will probably remain away till next spring or longer. Sister Nina Becknell is in Nebraska visiting her parents. She will be absent several weeks. Their absence is felt at Milford, for they are among our most faithful sisters, and their places in church and Sabbath school is never vacant when they are at home and able to go to the place of worship.

Our communion will come off at Flora on the evening of Friday, the 28th. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to as many as can be with us. We will have a communion service at Milford a little later. The time has not been fixed yet. The outlook is good for an ingathering or enlargement of our membership at Milford, during the coming fall and winter. May God own and bless the work for it is his own.

At this place we have had every opposition and embarrassment to contend with, but we think a better time is coming. Pray for us.

J. A. RIDENOUR.